## **Categorical Exclusion**

(Version: AUG06)

Compliance Tracking Number: 2006-076 PEPC Project Number: 16043

## **A. PROJECT INFORMATION**

Title: Ahwahnee, Retrofit Rooms to Meet ADA StandardsLocation: Yosemite Valley, Mariposa County, CaliforniaProject Manager: Maurice West, Project Management, Yosemite National Park

## **B.** COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

This project is an action that has been determined to result in no measurable environmental effects. It is therefore categorically excluded from further National Environmental Policy Act analysis under Categorical Exclusion: DO12 3.4 *C*(4) - *Routine maintenance and repairs to cultural resource sites, structures, utilities, and grounds if the action falls under an approved Historic Structures Preservation Guide or would not adversely affect the cultural resource.* 

Necessary compliance coordination has been completed regarding the National Historic Preservation Act, the Wilderness Act, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and the Endangered Species Act, as applicable. Environmental impacts will be negligible or less when the project is implemented with the conditions stipulated under **Project Mitigations and Conditions** in **Section I** at the end of the attached *Environmental Screening Form*.

Additional supporting information for this determination and the stipulated conditions can be found in the following attachments (when checked):

🛛 Environmental Screening Form

Preservation Assessment Form (YOSE-XXX)

Wilderness Minimum Requirement Analysis

Wild and Scenic River Section 7 Determination

Park Management Terms and Conditions

Other:

## C. DECISION

On the basis of the environmental impact information in the statutory compliance file, with which I am familiar, I am categorically excluding the described project from further NEPA analysis. No exceptional circumstances or conditions in DO12 3.5 or 3.6 apply and the action is fully described in DO12, Section 3.4.

//R.Kevin Cann//

Michael J. Tollefson

Original: Statutory Compliance File cc: Project Proponent

Attachments (2)

12/19/06

Date

The signed original of this document is on file at the Environmental Planning and Compliance Office in Yosemite National Park.



## **United States Department of the Interior**

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE Yosemite National Park P.O. Box 577 Yosemite, California 95389

IN REPLY REFER TO: L7617 (YOSE-PM)

Memorandum

To: Maurice West, Project Manager, Project Management, Yosemite National Park

From: Superintendent, Yosemite National Park

Subject: Notice to Proceed, 2006-076 Ahwahnee, Retrofit Rooms to Meet ADA Standards

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Necessary compliance coordination has been completed regarding the National Historic Preservation Act, the Wilderness Act, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and the Endangered Species Act, as applicable. This project clearance is valid providing that you adhere to the conditions stipulated in the enclosed *Categorical Exclusion Form* and associated documents when implementing this project.

//R. Kevin Cann// Michael J. Tollefson <u>12/19/06</u> Date

Enclosure (with attachments)

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## **B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND**

This project will retrofit certain Ahwahnee Hotel rooms to meet ADA standards; the basic scope of work involves: relocating bathroom walls to allow for a 60" turn area; widening bathroom doors; providing 36" x 36" showers; adjusting proper height toilet and grab bars; lowering lavatory and counter, and light switches and other controls. Also, included as needed: enlarge closet doors, lower clothes rods, robe hooks, and shelves, install touch sensitive switches on lamps and bedside lights, provide compliant drawer pulls, and install strobe light alarms. The completion of this project will allow the proper number of guest rooms to be fully compliant. The suggested rooms for remodel are: 116, 346, 421, and 607. ARG Architects has confirmed rooms meet ADA compliance.

#### **Table B1 – Background Information**

		Yes	No	N/A	Explanation/Notes
1.	Did NPS staff conduct a site visit? If yes, list attendees. If no, explain.	$\boxtimes$			Historic, Architecture and Landscape staff members.
2a.	Is the project providing compliance for an action associated with but not covered by an approved plan? (Identify the plan and provide a section or page citation.); OR				
2b.	Is the project in an approved plan? (Identify the plan and provide a section or page citation.		$\square$		
2c.	Is the project consistent with that plan?			$\boxtimes$	
2d.	Is the Plan's CE, FONSI, or ROD current?			$\boxtimes$	
3a.	Are there any interested or affected parties?		$\boxtimes$		
3b.	Has a diligent effort been made to communicate with them?				
4a.	Are there any affected agencies or tribes?		$\boxtimes$		
4b.	Has consultation been completed?				

#### Table B2 – Environmental Screening Form Attachments (provide Attachment letter—A, B, etc.)

		Yes	No	N/A	Explanation/Notes
1.	Maps: 2 required (vicinity map & site map)	$\boxtimes$			Vicinity map; see Attachment A.
2.	Drawings (e.g., design, construction)	$\boxtimes$			Floor plans; see Attachment B.
3.	Site Plans		$\boxtimes$		
4.	Photographs		$\boxtimes$		
5.	Non-NEPA/NHPA Approvals (Explain)		$\boxtimes$		
6.	Other (Explain)	$\boxtimes$			Architectural Review; see Attachment C.

## C. ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL RESOURCE EFFECTS

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## **D. MANDATORY CRITERIA**

If	implemented, would the proposed action:	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
1.	Have material adverse effects on public health or safety?		$\square$		
2.	Have adverse effects on such unique characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands; floodplains; or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the National Register of Natural Landmarks?				The Ahwahnee Hotel is a National Historic Landmark. Mitigated; modify rooms to meet ADA standards; assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect;" see Section F, National Historic Preservation Act Checklist below, and the attached XXX.
3.	Have highly controversial environmental effects?				
4.	Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?		$\square$		
5.	Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?		$\boxtimes$		
6.	Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?		$\boxtimes$		
7.	Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places?				The Ahwahnee Hotel is a National Historic Landmark. Mitigated; modify elevator controls to meet ADA standards; assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect;" see Section F, National Historic Preservation Act Checklist below, and the attached XXX.
8.	Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species?				
9.	Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act?		$\boxtimes$		
10.	Threaten to violate a federal, state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?		$\boxtimes$		
11.	Involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA sec. 102(2)(E)?		$\boxtimes$		
12.	Have a disproportionate, significant adverse effect on low-income or minority populations (EO 12898)?		$\square$		
13.	Restrict access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites by Indian religious practitioners or adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 130007)?		$\boxtimes$		
14.	Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of federally listed noxious weeds (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act)?				
15.	Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of non-native invasive species or actions that may promote the introduction, growth or expansion of the range of non-native invasive species (EO 13112)?				
16.	Require a permit from a federal, state, or local agency to proceed, unless the agency from which the permit is required agrees that a CE is appropriate?				
17.	Have the potential for significant impact as indicated by a federal, state, or local agency or Indian tribe?		$\boxtimes$		
18.	Have the potential to be controversial because of disagreement over possible environmental effects?		$\boxtimes$		
	Have the potential to violate the NPS Organic Act by impairing park resources or values?		$\square$		
<b>C</b> o 1.	omments, Mitigations and Conditions: None				
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## E. SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES CHECKLIST

Within the area of potential effect, are there:	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
1. Listed or proposed threatened or endangered species (Federal or State)?		$\boxtimes$		
2. Species of special concern (Federal or State)?		$\boxtimes$		
3. Park rare plants or vegetation?		$\boxtimes$		
4. Potential habitat for any special-status species listed above?		$\square$		
If "yes" to any of the above questions, a Special-S	Status	Specie	es Chec	klist must be completed and attached.
<b>Comments, Mitigations and Conditions:</b>				

## 1. None

## F. NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT CHECKLIST

Wi	thin the area of potential effect:	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
1.	Will there be ground disturbance?		$\boxtimes$		
2.	Are there any archeological sites?		$\boxtimes$		
3.	Are there any Native American Indian traditional cultural resources?				
4.	Is the project within the boundary of an archeological or historic landscape or district?				Yosemite Valley Historic District; the assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect;" see the attached XXX.
5a.	Is there a National Historic Landmark?	$\boxtimes$			Ahwahnee Hotel National Landmark. Assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect;" see the attached XXX and the State Historic Preservation Officer letter.
5b.	Is there a structure(s) on the park's <i>List of Classified Structures</i> ?				Ahwahnee Hotel is on the List of Classified Structures. Assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect;" see the attached XXX and the State Historic Preservation Officer letter.
5c.	Is there a historic property with a DOE and concurrence by the SHPO or a completed National Register form?			$\boxtimes$	
5d.	Is there a cultural property requiring review under NHPA, Section 106?			$\boxtimes$	
6.	Would there be alteration of a structure or cultural landscape covered by 5a-d, above?				The Ahwahnee Hotel and the Yosemite Valley Cultural Landscape; assessment of effect is "No Adverse Effect;" see the attached XXX.
	yes" to any of the above, then an Assessment of	of Effe	ects fo	rm (Y	OSE-XXX) must be completed and attached.
	tigations and Conditions:				
1.	Coordinate with the park Historic Architect (S specification to ensure minimal impact to hist			vn, 379	9-1222) during development of detail

## G. WILDERNESS ACT CHECKLIST

Is the proposed project:	Yes	No	N/A	<b>Data Needed to Determine/Notes</b>
1. Within designated Wilderness?		$\boxtimes$		
2. Within a Potential Wilderness Addition?		$\boxtimes$		
If "yes" to either of the above, then a Wilderness Mi	nimun	n Requ	irement	s Analysis must be completed and attached.
Mitigations and Conditions:				
1. None				

## H. WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT CHECKLIST

Do	es the proposed project:	Yes	No	N/A	Data Needed to Determine/Notes
1.	Fall within a wild and scenic river corridor? If 'yes'', name the river(s)	$\boxtimes$			Merced River
2.	Fall within the bed and banks AND affect the free-flow of the river?		$\boxtimes$		
3.	Potentially affect water quality of the area?		$\boxtimes$		
4.	Diminish or other wise change the values for which the river was designated as a Wild and Scenic River? If "yes", explain.		$\boxtimes$		
5a.	Fall on a tributary of a Wild and Scenic River?		$\boxtimes$		
5b.	If 5a is "yes", will the project affect the Wild and Scenic River corridor?			$\square$	
5c.	If 5a is "yes", will the project unreasonably diminish scenic, recreational, or fish and wildlife values?			$\boxtimes$	
If "	yes" to questions 2, 5b, or 5c, then a WSRA S	ection	7 dete	ermina	tion must be completed and attached.
Mi	tigations and Conditions:				
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## I. NEPA Analysis and Approval Conditions

When implemented as detailed in the project description and following all Project Mitigations and Conditions listed below, this project meets the terms and conditions of a categorical exclusion to NEPA.

## Applicable Categorical Exclusion:

DO12 3.4 C(4) - Routine maintenance and repairs to cultural resource sites, structures, utilities, and grounds if the action falls under an approved Historic Structures Preservation Guide or would not adversely affect the cultural resource.

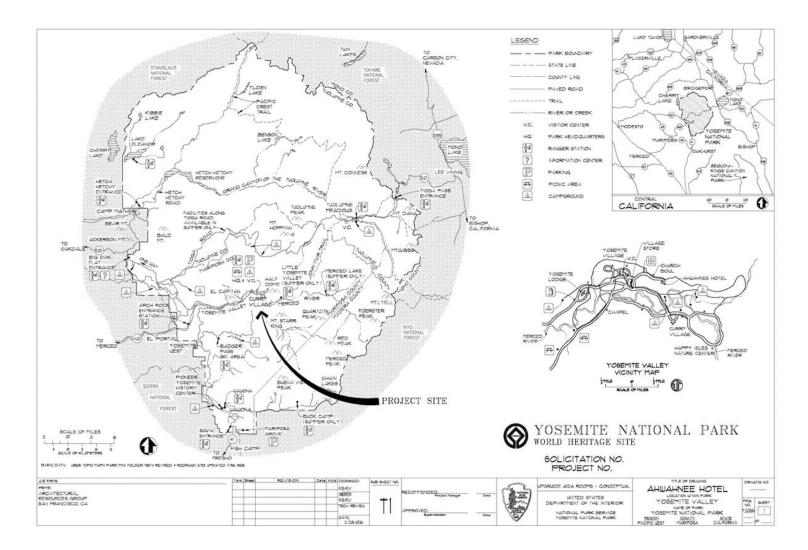
## **Project Mitigations and Conditions:**

- **1.** Coordinate any furnishing changes and fixture specifications with Business Management and Revenue. (Business Management and Revenue)
- 2. Coordinate with the park Historic Architect (Sueann Brown, 379-1222) during development of detail specification to ensure minimal impact to historic fabric. (Resources Management and Science)

This project has been reviewed in accordance with the above criteria and it has been determined that the project will result in no or minimal environmental effects. Therefore, it is categorically excluded from further environmental review required under the National Environmental Policy Act. Additionally, the necessary compliance coordination has been completed with regard to the National Historic Preservation Act, the Wilderness Act, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and the Endangered Species Act.

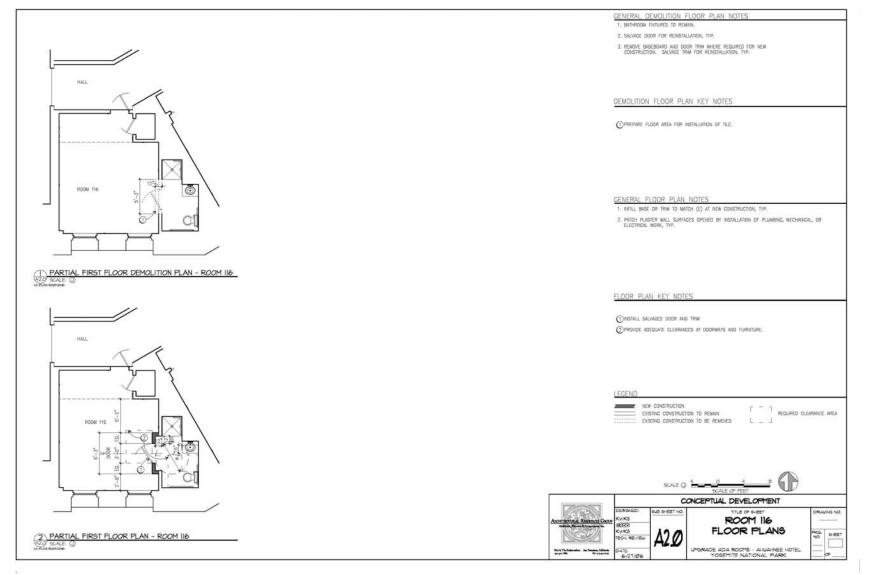
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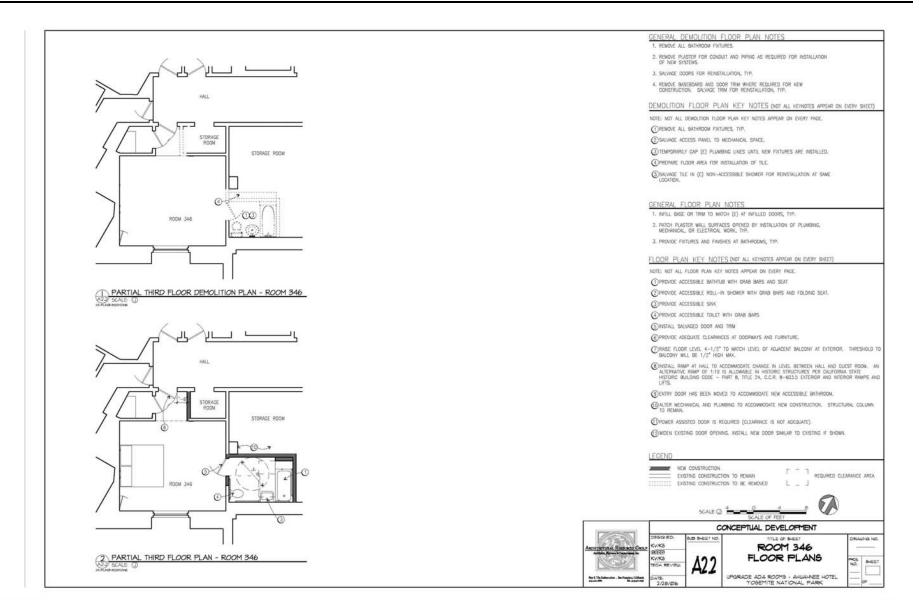
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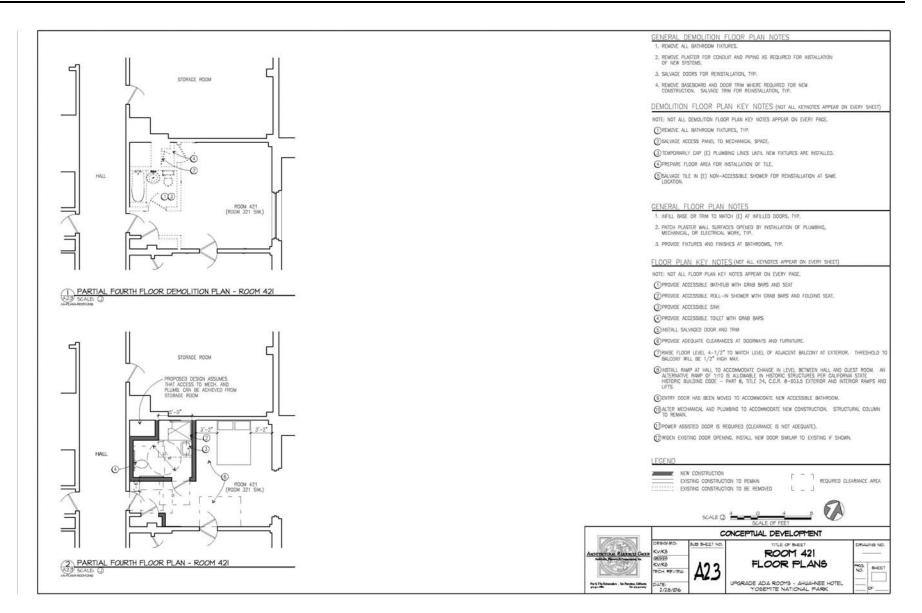


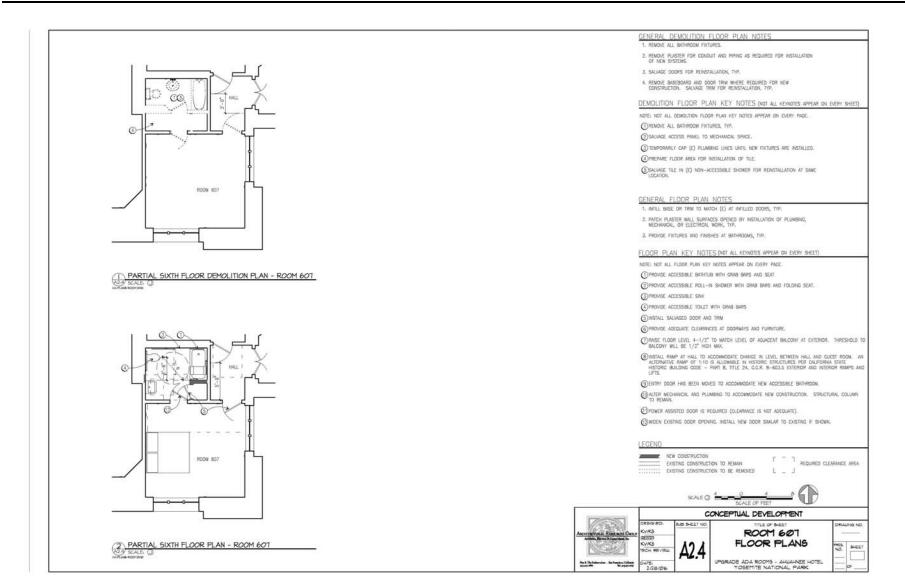
## Attachment A

## **Attachment B**









## Attachment C

Accessibility Review for Selected Rooms at the Ahwahnee Hotel Yosemite National Park, California

#### Introduction

In response to a request from the Delaware North Companies (DNC), Architectural Resources Group (ARG) has reviewed the potential for upgrading selected rooms at the Ahwahnee Hotel for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. According to information received from DNC, the Ahwahnee Hotel has 93 guest rooms, including one accessible room (Room 116). The total number of accessible rooms required for a facility with 76 to 100 rooms is five, one of which must include a roll-in shower, as illustrated in Table 224.2 of the ADA and ABA Accessibility Guidelines (ADA and ABA)<sup>1</sup>. Section 224.5 of the ADA and ABA also calls for the dispersion of various classes and choices of the guest rooms provided with mobility features. The elements of primary consideration for dispersion included room rate, balcony access, connection to an adjoining room, number of beds per room, and number of rooms per unit (suite).

After a review of the floor plans, ARG conducted a walk-through of selected rooms in the hotel to assess the potential for compliance in each room. ARG has prepared the following table addressing the areas requiring alteration to provide accessibility in each of four selected room types using the criteria in the ADA and ABA Accessibility Guidelines (ADA and ABA), which is intended to replace the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS),<sup>2</sup> and the ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG).<sup>3</sup> Conceptual room layouts for five room types are included with this submittal (see Sheets A2.0-A2.4).

Originally constructed in 1927, the Ahwahnee Hotel is a National Historic Landmark and one of the most significant buildings in Yosemite National Park. While alterations to historic fabric will be necessitated by the proposed work, the recommendations have been considered carefully in order to minimize damage or removal of historic material. In particular, guest rooms adjacent to storage or utility spaces were sought to provide additional space for the increased size of the accessible bathrooms.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> ADA and ABA Accessibility Guidelines (7/23/04, as amended 8/5/05).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (49 FR 31528).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities, as amended through September 2002.

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#### **Review of Code Compliance**

Room	Existing Noncompliance	Recommended Resolution	Room Type & Features
234	Push-side clearance on entry door not sufficient for wheelchair access (ADA and ABA 404.2.4).	Suite Room Type. Access to balcony. Suite unit.	
	Balcony not accessible from existing floor level. Currently, there is a 4 ½" step up at threshold (ADA and ABA 404.2.5).	Raise floor level in bedroom, bathroom, and closet to meet balcony level (provide inclined platform lift to lower balcony). Provide 1:10 ramp outside door to bedroom. California Historic Building Code allows accessible ramps to have a slope of 1:10 as an alternative (CHBC 8-603.5). It is recommended that this option be pursued with the code official.	
	Turning radius within bathroom not sufficient for wheelchair access (ADA and ABA 603.2.1, referencing 304.3).	Move north wall of bathroom (reducing closet size) to achieve 5-foot turning radius within bathroom.	
	Existing toilet, sink, and tub not accessible (ADA and ABA 604, 605 and 607).	Install new accessible toilet with grab bars and approach clearance. Install new lavatory with knee and approach clearance. Install new accessible tub with grab bars and seat. Install all new fixtures with required approach, transfer, and/or knee clearance.	
346/246	Pull side clearance on entry door not sufficient for wheelchair access (ADA and ABA 404.2.4).	Move east wall of entry area (reducing size of adjacent storage space) to achieve 18" space on pull side of door.	346: Classic Room Type. 246: Unknown Type.
	Turning radius within bathroom not sufficient for wheelchair access (ADA and ABA 603.2.1, referencing 304.3).	Move north wall of bathroom (reducing size of adjacent storage space) to achieve 5-foot turning radius within bathroom. Mechanical and plumbing systems will require minor alterations to accommodate new wall location.	
	Existing toilet, sink, and tub not accessible (ADA and ABA 604, 605 and 607).	Install new accessible toilet with grab bars and approach clearance (Bathroom door must move to accommodate required grab bar locations). Install new lavatory with knee and approach clearance. Install new accessible tub with grab bars and seat. Install all new fixtures with required approach, transfer, and/or knee clearance.	
421/321	Pull side clearance on entry door not sufficient for wheelchair access (ADA and ABA 404.2.4).	Move south wall of bathroom to accommodate required clearance.	421: Featured Room Type. 321: Classic Room Type.
	Turning radius within bathroom not sufficient for wheelchair access (ADA and ABA 603.2.1, referencing 304.3).	Move east wall of bathroom to achieve 5-foot turning radius within bathroom.	

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	Existing toilet, sink, and tub not accessible (ADA and ABA 604, 605 and 607).	Install new accessible toilet with grab bars and approach clearance. Install new lavatory with knee and approach clearance. Install new accessible tub or transfer shower with grab bars and seat. Install all new fixtures with required approach, transfer, and/or knee clearance.	
607	Separation between hinged doors in a series is not adequate (ADA and ABA 404.2.6).	Rehang entry door with swing into room to achieve required separation (48").	Featured Room Type.
	Turning radius within bathroom not sufficient for wheelchair access (ADA and ABA 603.2.1, referencing 304.3).	Remove wall between closet and bathroom. Rebuild south wall of bathroom to create new closet.	
	Existing toilet, sink, and tub not accessible (ADA and ABA 604, 605 and 607).	Install new accessible toilet with grab bars and approach clearance. Install new lavatory with knee and approach clearance. Install new accessible tub or with grab bars and seat. Install all new fixtures with required approach, transfer, and/or knee clearance.	

## **Preservation Assessment Form (YOSE XXX)**

(Version: FEB06)

Compliance Tracking Number: <u>2006-076</u> PEPC Project Number: **16043** 

## A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

Title: Ahwahnee-Remodel Rooms To Meet ADA Standards

## **Project Location and Area of Potential Effect:**

Yosemite Valley, Mariposa County, California

Ahwahnee Hotel National Historic Landmark

Project Manager: Maurice West, Project Management, Yosemite National Park

**Project Description:** This project will retrofit certain Ahwahnee Hotel rooms to meet ADA standards; the basic scope of work involves: relocating bathroom walls to allow for a 60" turn area; widening bathroom doors; providing 36" x 36" showers; adjusting proper height toilet and grab bars; lowering lavatory and counter, and light switches and other controls. Also, included as needed: enlarge closet doors; lower clothes rods, robe hooks, and shelves; install touch sensitive switches on lamps and bedside lights; provide compliant drawer pulls; and install strobe light alarms. The completion of this project will allow the proper number of guest rooms to be fully compliant. The suggested rooms for remodel are: 116, 346, 421, and 607. ARG Architects has confirmed rooms meet ADA compliance.

1. Attached Sensitive Information**	Yes No	Explanation/Source/Notes
a. Maps	$\Box$	
b. Drawings	$\Box$	
c. Site Plans	$\Box$	
d. Photographs	$\Box$	
e. Sample	$\Box$	
f. List of Materials	$\Box$	
g. Other (Explain)	$\Box$	

\*\* Sensitive documents not for duplication or distribution beyond park management, subject matter experts, and the project statutory compliance file.

## **B. DESCRIPTION OF EFFECTS**

		Yes	No	N/A	Explanation/Notes
1.	Has the Area of Potential Effect been surveyed to identify historic properties? If Yes, provide reference for the Survey (s).	$\boxtimes$			Ahwahnee Hotel National Landmark
	a. Would the proposed action affect a known historic property?	$\square$			
2.	List all Historic Properties in the Area of	Affec	ted?		Eurolanation/Notag
	Potential Effect:	Yes	No		Explanation/Notes
	a. Ahwahnee Hotel National Landmark	$\boxtimes$			
	b.				
	с.				
3.	List resources in the Area of Potential	Affec	ted?		
	Effect to which American Indians attach cultural and religious significance:	Yes	No		Explanation/Notes
	a.				
	b.				
	с.				
4.	The proposed action will:	Yes	No	N/A	Explanation/Note
	• Destroy, remove, or alter features or		$\boxtimes$		
	elements from a historic structure				
	• Replace historic features/elements in kind		$\square$		
_	<ul> <li>Add nonhistoric features/elements to a historic structure</li> </ul>	$\square$			ADA modifications
	• Alter or remove features/elements of a historic setting or environment (including terrain)		$\square$		
	• Add nonhistoric features/elements (including visual, audible, or atmospheric) to a historic setting or cultural landscape	$\bowtie$			ADA modifications
	• Disturb, destroy, or make archeological resources inaccessible, or alter associated terrain		$\square$		
	• Disturb, destroy, or make ethnographic resources inaccessible, or alter associated terrain		$\boxtimes$		
	• Begin or contribute to the deterioration of historic fabric, terrain, setting, landscape elements, or archeological or ethnographic resources				
	• Involve a real property transaction affecting historic cultural properties (i.e., the exchange, sale, or lease of land or structures)				
	• Potentially affect presently unidentified		$\boxtimes$		
	historic resources				
	• Other		$\boxtimes$		

## Checklist prepared by: Jeannette Simons

Date: 7/11/06

Title: Historic Preservation Officer

## C. SPECIALIST SECTION

**Specialists:** Your comments here (or attached) show that you have reviewed this proposal for conformity with requirements of *National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106*; with the 1995 *Servicewide Programmatic Agreement* (if applicable); with applicable parts of the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation*; with the NPS *Management Policies* and *Cultural Resource Management Guideline*; and have given your best professional advice about this project and the issues relevant to the Section 106 process, including identification and evaluation of historic properties and further consultation needs.

Archeologist Comments:	Name: Laura Kirn	Date:	
Ground Disturbance Involved Assessment of Effect: <b><choose b="" eff<=""> Recommended Conditions:</choose></b>	Yes: No: ect> or write it here >>		
Signature of Archeologist:			
Cultural Anthropologist Comments:	Name: Sonny Montague	Date:	
Assessment of Effect: <b><choose b="" eff<=""> Recommended Conditions:</choose></b>	ect> or write it here >>		
Signature of Cultural Anthropologist:			
Curator Comments:	Name: Jonathan Bayless	Date:	
Assessment of Effect: <b><choose b="" eff<=""> Recommended Conditions:</choose></b>	ect> or write it here >>		

Signature of Curator:	
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Historian	Name: Charles Palmer	Date: 7/12/06	
Comments:			
Assessment of Effect: "No Advers	e Effect''		
Recommended Conditions:			
Signature of Historian: <u>//signed of</u>	original on file//		
Historic Architect	Name: Sueann Brown	Date: 7/20/06	
Comments:			
Assessment of Effect: <b><choose b="" eff<=""></choose></b>	fect> or write it here >>		
Recommended Conditions: Conceptually the proposed changes seem acceptable. I will need to review the detail specifications as they are developed to ensure there is to be minimal damage to historic fabric.			
Signature of Historic Architect: //.	signed original on file//		
Historic Landscape Architect Comments:	Name: Steven Torgerson	Date: 7/20/06	
Assessment of Effect: "No Adverse Effect"			
Recommended Conditions:			

Signature of Historic Landscape Architect: //signed original on file//\_\_\_\_\_

<b>Preservation Specialist</b> Comments:	Name: Doug Martin	Date:	
Assessment of Effect: <b><choose b="" ef<=""></choose></b>	fect> or write it here >>		
Recommended Conditions: Recom	umended Conditions		
Signature of Preservation Specialis	st:		
Native American Liaison	Name: Jeannette Simons	Date:	
Comments:			
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Signature of <Enter Specialist Title>:

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## D. RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND SCIENCE DIVISION AND PARK 106 COORDINATOR REVIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**1. Review by specialists:** The appropriate subject-matter experts have reviewed the project and entered their comments and recommendations in Section C, above.

The foregoing assessment is adequate: the proposed action is consistent with all applicable NPS management policies, standards, guidelines, or US DOI standards and guidelines, Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings, or others, and incorporates measures to avoid Adverse Effects.

### **Reviewed and Accepted by:**

Signature:	://Niki Stephanie Nicholas//			
U	Chief of Resources Management & Science Division			

### 2. Assessment of Effects: No Adverse Effect

**3.** Compliance Requirements: The following is the park's assessment of Section 106 process needs and requirements for this undertaking.

### **Standard 36 CFR Part 800 Consultation**

Consultation under 36 CFR is needed subsequent to the preparation of this form and its review by appropriate historic resource management advisors.

## Undertaking related to the 1995 NPS Programmatic Agreement

The above action meets all conditions for a programmatic exclusion under Stipulation IV. A of the 1995 NPS programmatic agreement, and is listed in Stipulation IV. B, as:

<Choose Type of Undertaking>

## □ Plan-Related Undertaking

Consultation and review of the proposed undertaking were completed in the context of a plan review process, in accordance with the 1995 NPS programmatic agreement and 36 CFR Part 800.

#### **Undertaking Related to Another Agreement**

The proposed undertaking is covered for Section 106 purposes under a document such as a statewide agreement written in accordance with 37 CFR Part 800.7 or counterpart regulations.

Agreement: < Enter Agreement Information>

#### □ Flood-Recovery Related Undertaking

The proposed undertaking is covered for Section 106 purposes under the letter-based agreement between the NPS, the State Historic Preservation Office, and the Council for Historic Preservation for "Highwater 97" flood repair and recovery

#### Undertaking Related to the 1999 Yosemite Programmatic Agreement

The proposed undertaking is covered for Section 106 purposes under the park's 1999 programmatic agreement for planning, design, construction, operations and maintenance; the undertaking meets the stipulations identified in Article VII.C.2.

## 4. Project Stipulations and Conditions

Following are listed any stipulations or conditions necessary to ensure that the assessment of effects above is consistent with 36 CFR 800 criteria of effect or to mitigate potential adverse effects:

a. No adverse effect determination is contingent upon coordination with the Park Historic Architect during development of detail specifications to ensure minimal impact to historic fabric.

### **Recommended by Park Section 106 Coordinator:**

Name: Jeannette Simons

Title: Historic Preservation Officer

Signature: //Jeannette Simons//\_\_\_\_

Date: \_7/31/06\_\_\_\_\_

## E. SUPERINTENDENT'S APPROVAL

The proposed work conforms to NPS Management Policies and NPS-28 and I approve the recommendations, stipulations, and conditions noted in Section B of this form.

Signature of Superintendent: \_\_\_//R. Kevin Cann//\_\_\_\_

**Date:** <u>12/19/06</u>